

Attachment 9

Synthesis of Priority Topics Discussion

The facilitator gave the small groups the following directions:

1. Pick someone in the group to keep a list of the issues your group believes need work over the coming years (between now and the next Summit).
2. At your table, brainstorm these issues. As you think about things that need to be addressed and/or specific actions you think we need to take, consider:
 - a. The hot topics we discussed yesterday (joint legislative initiatives, regulatory changes, budget challenges, etc.)
 - b. Improving the CPG Program
 - c. Improving partnerships and relationships among Solid Waste/Health District staff at local and state levels.
3. We will have a general discussion of the ideas that came up at the tables.
4. You will be asked to turn your full list in to the facilitators. It will become part of a group-wide list of issues that we will prioritize tomorrow.

Table Discussion Summary June 2, 2004

Priority Issues (Given):

- CPG Supplemental Process (clarity, timeliness, criteria, participation in decision, timing of awards)
- CPG regular cycle (guidelines, don't rush input, timeliness on Ecology's part, electronic reporting, development tools)
- Pilot/example projects (how we're already accomplishing goals, evaluation success for education, examples of project outcomes)
- Continue CPG Workgroup and every 2 year Summits
- Joint meetings/more communication between JHD/SW/Ecology on county and regional level
- Ecology as a convener/facilitator
- COMMUNICATION
- Build trust by increasing transparency in Ecology's processes
- Policy Forum and Environmental Health Directors share notes/communicate more
- Build on momentum/don't let energy go after Summit

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Issues To Prioritize:

- Funding issues: sources (stable and new), match requirements, firewall, LTCA 60/40
- Grant officer "teams" for technical assistance to counties to capture different levels of expertise. Also get T A from other Ecology staff in addition to grant officers
- Figure out how we're going to track progress to CPG goals
- JLARC/Ecology/Grant Recipient joint meeting for Q&A and clarification
- Partnerships outside Summit audience - DOH, DOT, UTC, CTED
- Industry mentor program for new hires, particularly for low-staffed counties
- Joint voice/lobby/education effort directed at Legislature and other local politicians on funding and other solid waste issues
- Get message to other audiences (Beyond Waste/priorities) such as the Association of Washington Counties, Association of Washington Cities and other financial/policy decision-makers
- Templates for education outreach programs to apply statewide, particularly for outreach to ethnic communities
- Education/outreach to conservative/rural communities with Beyond Waste vision
- Sustainability training for other agencies and staff
- Seminars/training in public/private partnerships
- Training for grant officers: in technical aspect of their jobs and communication skills (to increase confidence/consistency)
- Training for grant recipients: Yellow Book/eligible costs, administration of grants/forms, annual reports, measurement and evaluation

- Proactive planning for next set of emerging issues
- Rule/regulation consistency from Ecology programs
- Define true costs of recycling and landfilling
- Eliminating the horizontal height bills

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Priority Issues (Hot Topics)

- Product stewardship
- Flow control
- Electronics
- Food processing waste
- Agricultural waste
- Zoonotic issues/large depopulation of agricultural animals
- Tires (disposal fee)
- Septage management
- Sham recycling - especially CDL
- Built Green
- Illegal dumping
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Garbage burning
- Burn ban boundary expansion/wood waste
- WAC 173-350 implementation
- Soil contamination
- Beneficial Use Determination

- Notification for exempt facilities
- Definitions
- Training/planning to deal with terrorist attacks
- Finding out what the public thinks are priority issues
- Locating old landfills
- Market development for recycling
- Consider need for disposal option for pharmaceuticals